

ARAPAHOS IN WORLD WAR I

(What other Arapahoes were in World War I?)

Oh, they're all gone--they're all dead. I don't know who--they were all in World War I. There was Charlie Cedar Tree, and Bill Williams, and Henry Bates. They were from around here, but I don't know the rest from down that way. Just these from Canton.

(Henry's still living--what about Bill and Charlie--are they still living?)

No, they're dead. Daniel Blackhorse was in World War I and he's dead. I think that's all the Arapahoes I know that were in World War I.

(How did they used to honor these service boys during World War I times--did they have things like they do now?)

No, they didn't. They used to just have this what they call "scalp dancing." Eat, and that was all.

SCALP DANCE HELD AS VICTORY CELEBRATION AT END OF WORLD WAR I

(When would they have a Scalp Dance?)

Soon as they come in, that same night, they used to have it. Maybe if they come one right after another, you know, like next day they used to have them. Used to dance. Used to have big bonfire and dance around the fire. Yeah, that would be at night.

(How long would that last?)

Oh, if they want to dance all night they danced all night.

(Where would they have these?)

Well, this Scalp Dance we had, we had it here in Canton, right by the bank.

(Right in downtown Canton?)

Yeah, on the street.

(Were there a lot of white people then looking on?)